(b): The main oilseeds producing states are Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Orissa.

(c) and (d): During the current financial year 1992-93 approximately 0.30 lakh tonnes of oil have been imported. In addition approximately 0.47 lakh tonnes of crude Degummed Soyabeen Oil has also been received as a gift under USAID-PL 480 Title-III agreement. Apart from this, there is no proposal at present for further import of edible oil during the current financial year.

Strengthening of Disaster Management Machiery

535. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to strengthen the disaster management machinery for tackling the frequent cyclones affecting the east coast;

(b) what are the steps proposed to reduce the extent of damage due to cyclones on the east coast in particular the coast of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) present disaster reduction programmes under implementation on the east coast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): A Cyclone Emergency Reconstruction Project aimed at strengthening of institutional capabilities in cyclone preparedness and mitigation is presently under implementation in the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh with World assistance. Similar projects have also been prepared for the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu and Orissa.

The steps taken to improve the cyclone-warning and forecasting system in the east coast include:—

(i) Expansion of the INSAT based disaster warning system.

(ii) Replacing old Cyclone Detection Radars in a phased manner.

(iii) Installation of High Gust Wind Recorders at Machillipattanam and Karaikal in addition to the existing one at Paradeep.

सूखे से प्रभावित राज्यों के लिये वित्तीय सहायता

536. **श्री सोमपाल :**
श्री शिवचरण सिंह :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1992 के दौरान देश के कौन-कौन से राज्यों को सूखे से प्रभावित राज्य घोषित किया गया था ;

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा उक्त राज्यों को कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दी गई है ;

(ग) क्या समस्त राशि वस्तुत: प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में ही खर्च की गई थी ;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान की कम सहायता राशि दी गई और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ङ) सूखे की समस्या का स्थायी हल निकालने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं; और

(च) उनका क्या परिणाम निकला है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (च) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।